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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Eugene A. "Gene" Forgatch of West Frankfort, who passed away on February 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Forgatch was born in West Frankfort to Andrew and Geneva (nee Falkovit) Forgatch on January 29, 1929; he graduated from Frankfort Community High School in 1948 and served in the United States Army in Inchon, Korea in 1950 and in Japan from 1951 to 1953; he married Sue Ann Little on April 12, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Forgatch's passions were his family, his business, and fishing; he built his business in his grandmother's old grocery store building in 1955; in 2004, he built his new building for expansion of Dixie Creme Donuts and Deli; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Forgatch was awarded Business Man of the Year by the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Forgatch was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Jon T. Forgatch; and his sister, June Lyter; and

1 WHEREAS, Eugene Forgatch is survived by his wife, Sue Ann;
2 his children, Stephen A. Forgatch, Beth Forgatch Conner and
3 husband, Rick, Todd E. Forgatch and wife, Ngoc Anh Le, Amy
4 Forgatch Siefert and husband, Steve, and Jay S. Forgatch and
5 wife, Monica; and his grandchildren, Adam Conner, Sydney
6 Forgatch, Sean Forgatch, Katie Hefner, Bricen Forgatch.
7 Anthony Forgatch, Faydreth Forgatch, and Asher Forgatch;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 mourn the passing of Eugene A. "Gene" Forgatch, and extend our
12 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
13 and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Eugene Forgatch as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.